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1. ON AUGUST 19, POLCOUNS GAVE TEXTS OF US DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
CONTAINED REFTEL TO VAN BOVEN OF FONMIN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN-
IZATIONS DIRECTORATE, EXPLAINING THESE WERE PRELIMINARY TEXTS
SUBJECT TO CHANGE PRIOR TO THEIR BEING PUT FORWARD AT THE
CONGRESS. VAN BOVEN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID HE LOOKED
FORWARD TO STUDYING THESE TEXTS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT POSSIBLE DUTCH-SWEDISH INITIATIVE
ON TORTURE AT 30TH UNGA, VAN BOVEN EXPLAINED LONG-STANDING
DUTCH INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT. REFERRING TO UNGA RES 3218
(XXIX), IN THE ADOPTION OF WHICH HE NOTED DUTCH HAD PLAYED
ACTIVE ROLE, VAN BOVEN SAID DUTCH WANTED TO MAINTAIN FOCUS ON
THIS ISSUE. FONMIN HAD TAKEN SOUNDINGS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS,
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INCLUDING DELHI, DAR AND CARACAS. REACTIONS, HOWEVER, WHILE

POLITE, HAD BEEN SHORT OF EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT. VAN BOVEN THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT PROBLEM OF PULLING TOGETHER SUITABLE GROUP OF COSPONSOR WOULD HAVE TO BE LOOKED AT IN THE LIGHT OF CONSULTATIONS AT THE GENEVA CONGRESS AND AFTERWARDS AT UNGA. VAN BOVEN INDICATED POSSIBILITY DUTCH MIGHT WANT TO SEEK SOME STAMP OF APPROVAL ON THE PART OF THE GENEVA CONGRESS ON THEIR INITIATIVE BUT FRANKLY ADDED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY POSE PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES IN VIEW LACK OF PRECEDENT FOR SUCH ACTION. VAN BOVEN CONCLUDED HE THOUGHT DUTCH IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WOULD WANT TO HOLD OFF FOR TIME BEING DECISION WHETHER TO PUSH FOR RES AT 30TH UNGA OR LET MATTER MATURE FOR POSSIBLE UNGA ACTION LATER.
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